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To: [PL Planning Applications](#)
Subject: Loxwood Clay Pits Ltd WSCC/030/21 Pallinghurst Woods
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Dear Sir

I wish to object strongly to the proposed plan to create a waste facility and clay pits within the woods.

My objections are as follows:

The site is totally unsuitable for this kind of development as it will involve the construction of a huge building, allowing regular movement of lorries into a quiet tranquil area of countryside. This will create noise and disturbance to wildlife as well as to those who farm and live nearby. This is a "greenfield" site in ancient woodland and countryside. This proposal threatens the peace and quiet and nobody wants to hear the constant bleeping of reversing trucks and diggers all day. Sound carries and as does pollution created from diesel engines.

Increased traffic from lorries brings many hazards – increasing traffic on unclassified roads, unsuited to heavy lorries.

This development will affect all the wildlife – from mammals to birds and insects to trees and wild flowers.

Having spent nearly two years investigating the history and landscape of the ancient parishes of Wisborough Green and Kirdford (ongoing), the whole area of woodland has been largely untouched for 180 years. The woods and fields have extremely well preserved woodbanks – an indicator of ancient woodland – and these banks can be seen all around the areas where the development is proposed and will be destroyed by any work proposed. The banks also run alongside the trackways and these can be traced both on the ground as footpaths and bridleways and on old maps. The area is not just one single wood, but a group of woods with different names and boundaries forming a unique little area with its own character. Not all woods are the same, and these are no exception. This is a historic landscape of the Low Weald and is in an area (so far) untouched by major development that is destroying much of the area around Horsham further to the east. The woods here are very varied, and whilst there is some modern plantation in them, there is a lot of different types of woodland with coppice, conifers, and real dense thick woodland. This will all be affected by noise, pollution and disturbance that is completely out of character in the area.

Our lives are enriched by the natural world and our countryside is cherished by those who live and work in it. With the pandemic, people have become much more aware of the importance of getting out into the fresh air and the variety of footpaths including the long distance paths in this area will be adversely affected by this development.

West Sussex is under **constant** and **relentless** threat of overdevelopment. The quest to make more and more money by short-term gain by building and building – whether housing and industry in rural areas really has to stop sometime! Development must be sustainable and have long term benefits to the local and wider community. This development does not in any way

meet current or future needs and brings no benefits.

If we are to be able to address Climate Change properly, then developments such as this will increase emissions and threaten wildlife and the wellbeing of all who live in the immediate and wider area.

Yours Faithfully

